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O Thou All-seeing, in whose sight
A thousand years are like a day,
Look on this land and so Thy light
Shall guide Thy people on their way.
O Thou our God art still the Lord!
Turn Thou Thy face and speed Thy word;
So shall it be our shield and sword.
Thine is the will, ours shall accord,—
God and America!

When Duty sounds her trumpet-call
Strong in Thy strength Thy sons shall stand,
Their love, their lives, their hope, their all
For Thee, O God, and for their land,
America, Thy maiden free,
Thy vestal by the sparkling sea,
Whose hearth-fires burn for liberty,
For this, O God, and love to Thee,
God and America!

Among all people be good will;
Still unto us in mercy bend;
So in our time, O God, fulfill
Thy reign of peace to have no end.
O let our way in Thee be found;
Still let Thy light in us abound;
So shall we go with glory crowned,
As still we sing with joyous sound,
God and America!

Thus lead us, Lord, forever lead,
Thy faithful witness, O our God,
Till all the nations in their need
Shall come with Thine own gladness shod;
Till all beneath Thy daily sun
Who know Thee not in joy shall run
And turn to Thee, the Holy One.
For This, O God, Thy will be done,—
God and America!

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